(b) The extent of employment provided by the KVIC in 2001-02 is as under:-

| | Units | Employment (in lakhs) |
|---|---|---|
| Khadi | 2100 | 8.48 |
| Village Industries | 8.48 (lakh) | 54.17 |
| REGP | 20767 | 3.43 |

(c) The above employment has been generated under schemes relating to Khadi rebate, V.I. grant, Khadi/V.I. loan and REGP.

**Cottage industries in NER**

2938. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of units of the cottage industries in different States of the North-Eastern Region;

(b) the percentage of people involved in the cottage industries;

(c) the number of families (in percentage) which are fully dependent on cottage industries, State-wise; and

(d) the marketing facilities that are extended to these artisans?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI SANGHPRIYA GAUTAM): (a) The number of units of cottage industries in different States of North-Eastern Region set up under the Rural Employment Generation Programme (REGP) from 1995-96 to 2001-02 is given below:—

| Sl. No. | States/Union Territories | No. of Units |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | Arunachal Pradesh | 317 |
| 2. | Assam | 425 |
| 3. | Manipur | 623 |
| 4. | Meghalaya | 2784 |
| 5. | Mizoram | 732 |

| Sl. No. | States/Union Territories | Nos. of Units |
|---|---|---|
| 6 | Nagaland | 4665 |
| 7 | Sikkim | 18 |
| 8 | Tripura | 48 |
| | Total: | 9612 |

(b) and (c) The State-wise percentage of people involved and dependent on cottage industries under REGP in North Eastern Region (NER) is given in the Statement (*see* below). For promoting cottage industries individual entrepreneurs/artisans are taken as a unit and not families.

(d) About 7050 exclusive sales outlets are operating in various parts of the country in addition to the departmentally managed Khadi Gramodyog Bhawans which promotes marketing of cottage industry products. Special assistance is provided for organizing exhibitions and encourage export of cottage industry products. As per the 'Khadi package' announced by the Government, proposals are being collected from the implementing agencies for modernization and renovation of sales outlets.

***Statement***

*Statewise percentage of people dependent on cottage industries under REGP in NER*

| S. No. | States/Union Territories | No. of people depending on cottage industries during 1995 to 2002 (Persons in lakhs) | Percentage share |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| 1. | Arunachal Pradesh | 0.03 | 0.21 |
| 2. | Assam | 0.07 | 0.49 |
| 3. | Manipur | 0.11 | 0.76 |
| 4. | Meghalaya | 0.20 | 1.39 |
| 5. | Mizoram | 0.08 | 0.55 |
| 6. | Nagaland | 0.94 | 6.52 |

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
|---|---|---|---|
| 7. | Sikkim | 0.06 | 4.10 |
| 8. | Tripura | 0.05 | 0.35 |

**ARIs in Rajasthan**

2939. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMED KHAN (DURRU): Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the proposals under Government's consideration to set up new rural agro based industries in the backward districts of Rajasthan;

(b) the location of such industries and the financial allocations made for such industries during the Tenth Five Year Plan period; and

(c) by when such industries would be functional?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI SANGH PRIYA GAUTAM): (a) to (c) The Government promotes setting up of new rural agro based industries in the country including Rajasthan under the Rural Employment Generation Programme (REGP) implemented by the Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC). The proposal for setting up such units are examined by the Commercial Banks which provide loan for the projects and the margin money assistance is released by KVIC. Projects which fulfill the criteria of 'village industries' as per the KVIC Act are eligible for assistance under REGP. The location of such industries is decided by the entrepreneur himself depending on the nature and viability of the project. It is estiamted that for the targeted number of 2098 such industries in the State in the Tenth Plan Period, a sum of Rs. 52 crores would be required by way of loans from Commercial Bank and a sum of Rs. 13 crores as margin money. The gestation period for a project would very according to its nature and location.

**PMRY In Rajasthan**

2940. DR. ABRAR AHMED: Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the targets set to generate employment opportunities under